

# ORACLE



1947



Doris and James and Mary  
and Daddy and Mother.

High grade



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Basketball .... Travels

A VERY EVENTFUL YEAR AT OSSIAN HIGH SCHOOL







A year of memories is composed in this "Oracle" for the benefit of the OHS students by the Seniors of '47.

During this era of atomic energy, we wish to thank the faculty and our parents who have prepared us to combat our life problems in the future and helped us in "SPLITTING THE ATOM OF EDUCATION".

**Ossian High School**

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**Ossian, Indiana**

## A collage of 15 black and white photographs showing students in various school settings. The photos depict students sitting at desks, standing in groups, and working on projects. One photo shows a student working on a project labeled "T2 Post's Corn".

Our — bigshots???—now, children,  
not in public—puellae — artistic  
ability—Jolly juniors.











In memory of our classmate and very dear friend, Marjorie Scherry, we the Seniors wish to dedicate this yearbook.

Marjorie passed away March 11, 1947, and leaves a vacancy in the hearts of the members of the Senior class, Sunshine Society, Oracle Staff and Faculty.

## **DEDICATION**



# ATOMIC COMMISSION

Lookie!! Lookie!!—the principal's pet—you look lonesome—man shortage—a contrast of mental and manual strains—our dignified chaps—the Mistery Benson and Cass—books, that is—Miss Smith and Mrs. Fryback—stag line—our new trustee—three little teachers—broom pusher—rose between two thorns—trustee of '46.





Luster Yager became our new trustee on first of January, 1947. This responsibility was not new to him, as he had been trustee during a previous term. He has a thorough knowledge of the business of helping the school.

Mr. Yager has always been a supporter of the school and of school activities as well as any other community activity. He is enthusiastic as well as energetic. When he undertakes a responsibility, he does it well. He can be counted on to do his part at all times.

The Oracle, faculty, and students wish him well in these years with us.

## Trustees



Homer Hoover finished his term of trustee with us on December 31, 1946.

During his four years as trustee he did many things creditable for our school. Many improvements were made, even though the war years made it difficult to get many things.

He has always been a hard and sincere worker. He always had the welfare of the school and township at heart and did his best to carry out whatever was best for all.

The school appreciates your work, and the interest which you had in us and thank you for it, Mr. Hoover.





## Principal

The leader of our Atomic Commission in the high school is J. McLean Benson, who was graduated from Lancaster High School, Huntington County, and later was graduated from Manchester College with an A.B. degree. He also has an M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina; and in addition, a Superintendent's Administrative license from Indiana University.

Before beginning his duties at Ossian in 1945, he taught in his home school of Lancaster from 1933-1939. For three years he taught at Hartford City; then became principal at Liberty Center from 1942-45.

Mr. Benson's cooperation with both the students and the faculty has been deeply appreciated, and we extend our gratefulness for his assistance in helping us solve our problems.

# Faculty

HELENA MAHNENSMITH

First Grade

ROBERTA GILLION

Second Grade

RUTH HOOVER

Third Grade

HELEN DECKER

Fifth Grade

OSCAR GEISEL

Sixth Grade

HAZEL JOHNSON

Fourth Grade

ARTHUR GERWIG

English, Latin

HERSCHEL LESH

Science, Math

BETH FRYBACK

Junior High

GRACE SMITH

Home Economics

EVERETT CASS

Coach, Social Studies

HELEN LOGAN

Commercial

FRANK BLOUGH

Band

WILDA HOOPENGARDNER

English, Physical Education

DOROTHY WEST

Music, Art

RUBY GLASS

Social Studies, Librarian

JAY LEE

Industrial Arts





# SENIORS



We look upon the seniors first their officers:

President .....	B. Werling
Vice President .....	P. Sheets
Secretary .....	A. Heinrich
Treasurer .....	M. Springer
Sergeant-at-arms .....	L Kreigh, L Bauermeister
Sponsors .....	Miss Hoopengardner and Mr Gerwig

Then the heads of their publications Oracle—J Springer,  
 Bear Facts—R Bard, editor; S Dalton, Associate editor, and  
 various scenes of senior life We like your jeep, Bob!



## Senior Officers



WILMER WERLING,

"Butch". Class President 4, Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y Sergeant of Arms 2, Hi-Y Treasurer 3, Glee Club 1, Class Vice President 3, Basketball 2-3-4, Softball 2-3-4, Noon League 1, Class Play 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

PAUL SHEETS

"Sheets". Class Vice President 4, Hi-Y 3-4, Hi-Y Sergeant of Arms 4, Class Sergeant of Arms 3, Noon League 1-2-3, Class Play 3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.



MARCELLA SPRINGER

"Marcy". Class Treasurer 4, Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Softball 4, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle 4.

ANNA HEINRICH

Class Secretary 4, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Sunshine 2-3-4.

JOAN ARCHBOLD "Jo"

Sunshine 1-2-3, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Martha Washington President 4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4.

RICHARD BARD "Dick"

Liberty Center 1, Ossian 2-3-4, Class Play 3-4, Hi-Y 3-4, Class President 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff.

NORMA BAUMGARDNER "Norm"

Bluffton 1, Ossian 2-3-4, Sunshine 4, Library 4, Oracle Staff 4.

LESTER BAUERMEISTER "Sigh"

Vice President 1, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Softball 1-2-3-4, Oracle Staff 4.

ELDORA BAUERMEISTER "Hindu"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Operetta 1-2, Madrigals 3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

PHYLLIS CARNES "Phyll"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon League 2-3, Yell Leader 4, Class Play 3-4, Operetta 1-2, Office 4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.







IRMA LOU COVERDALE "Worm"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon League 1-2-3, Yell Leader 4, Class Play 4, Operetta 1-2, Madrigals 3-4, Office 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4, Spelling Contest 3, Sextette 4.

SHIRLEY DALTON

West Salem, Ohio 1, Ossian 2-3-4, Sunshine 2-3-4, Noon League 2-4, Class Play 4, American Legion Contest Winner 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

GEORGE FARR "Herkimer"

Noon League 1-2-3-4.

FLOELLEN FRYBACK "Fla"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon League 2-3-4, Class Play 4, Operetta 1-2, Madrigals 3-4, Office 4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4, Sextette 4.

HELEN GALLMEYER "Lennie"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon League 1-2-3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4

LEORA HERBST "Joe"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Sunshine Secretary 2, Sunshine President 4, Class Secretary 3, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Class Play 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

MAGADELINE HILGEMAN "Maggie"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Operetta 1-2.

PATRICIA HOOVER "Patty"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-3-4, Noon League 2, Class Play 3-4, Operetta 1, Madrigals 3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4

MARY ESTHER HOSTETTER "Simp"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Softball 4, Noon League 2-3-4, Operetta 1-2, Class Play 3-4, Madrigals 3-4, Library 4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff.

GAYLORD JACKSON

Oracle Staff 4.

ROBERT KEIFER "Bob"

Noon League 1.

JOYCE KINCAID "Jay"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4,  
Noon League 1-2-3-4, Operetta 2, Oracle Staff 4.

LARRY KREIGH "Kreigh"

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y Sergeant of Arms 4, Class Sergeant of  
Arms 4, Basketball 2-4, Softball 4, Noon League 1-2-3-4,  
Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

JEROME LINDEMAN "Jerry"

Hi-Y 1-2-3, Class President 1, Noon League 1-2, Basketball  
2-4, Oracle Staff 4.

RUTH MANNS "Fudgie"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4,  
Noon League 1-2-3-4, Operetta 2, Madrigals 3-4, Paper  
Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

ELLIS McFADDEN "Mick"

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y Vice President 3, Hi-Y President 4, Class  
Treasurer 1, Class Vice President 3, Softball 4, Noon  
League 1-2-3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

DOROTHY MILLER "Dot"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2, Glee Club 1-2,  
Softball 4, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Library 3-4, Paper Staff  
4, Oracle Staff 4.

DORIS MILLER "Elsie"

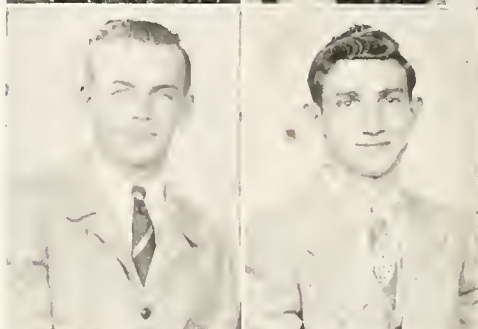
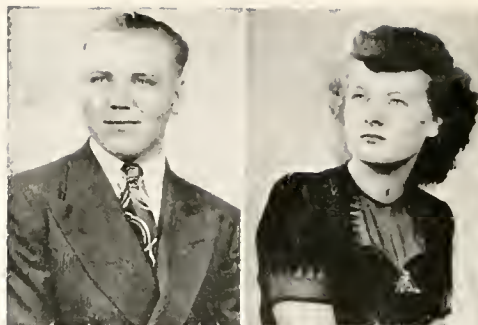
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1-2-3-4, Oracle Staff.

MARY JANE MILLER "Jerry"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Sunshine Corresponding Secretary 2,  
Sunshine Vice President 3, Glee Club 1-2-4, Class Presi-  
dent 2, Noon League 1-2, Class Play 3-4, Operetta 1-2,  
Madrigals 3-4, Paper Staff 4, Office 3-4, Oracle Staff 4.

MARJORIE SCHERRY "Margie"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2, Glee Club 1-2-  
3-4, Noon League 1-2, Oracle Staff 4.





PATRICIA SHIERLING "Jake"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Class Treasurer 3, Softball 4, Yell Leader 3-4, Class Play 3-4, Operetta 1-2, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

MARY MAE SHUTT "Mary"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Operetta 1-2, Band 1-2-3-4, Office 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

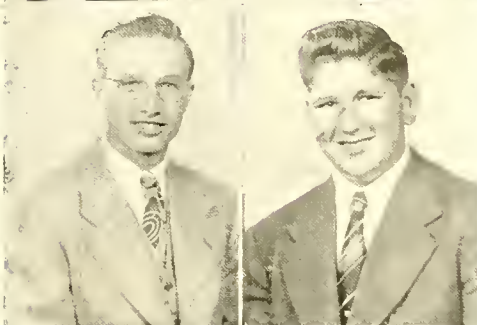


LaV SLANE "Squeak"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Operetta 1, Madrigals 3-4, Band 4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

JOANN SPRINGER "Jo"

Martha Washington 2-3-4, Class Secretary 2, Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington Vice President 4, Noon League 1-2-3-4, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

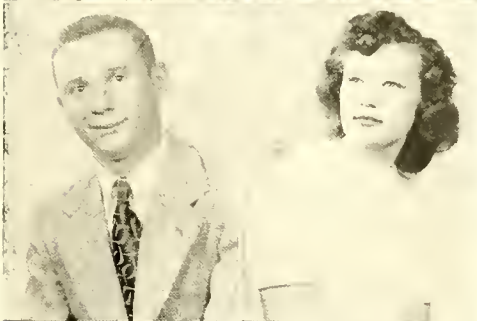


ROBERT SPRINGER "Bob"

Hi-Y 3-4, Noon League 2-3, Class Play 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

ROGER STONEBURNER "Stoney"

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1, Noon League 1-2-3, Class Play 3-4, Band 3-4, Oracle Staff 4.



RUSSELL THURBER "Russ"

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-4, Softball 3-4, Noon League 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.

JOAN VALENTINE "Jan"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 3-4, Glee Club 1-2, Operetta 1-2, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.



DALE WERLING "Rulus"

Basketball Manager 4, Softball Manager 4, Class Play 4, Oracle Staff 4.

DOROTHY WERLING "Dot"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-4, Sunshine Treasurer 4, Oracle Staff 4, Office 4, Class Treasurer 4.



WAYNE WICKLIFFE "Dudly"

Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Softball Manager 3, Noon League 1-2, Oracle Staff 4.

MARY LOU WOODWARD "Lou"

Sunshine 1-2-3-4, Martha Washington 2-3-4, Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Noon 1-2-3, Class Play 3, Operetta 1-2, Library 3, Paper Staff 4, Oracle Staff 4.



## Class Will

We, the Senior Class of '47, being in full possession of our senses. (huh?) wish to bestow upon the student body, as a whole, our magnificent ability to gather knowledge. Said ability we will not need in the future and we do not desire to be burdened with this useless bit of baggage.

Item I—Nothing is too good for our beloved faculty. In view of this fact, we leave to them—nothing.

Item II—To the juniors we will our ability to let facts go in one ear and out the other.

Item III—To the sophomores we leave our ability to at least look intelligent when the occasion demands it.

Item IV—To the freshmen we bequeath the gum under the seats. (Bubble gum, that is.)

Item V—Acknowledging that we are soon to depart from this hallowed hall of learning, each of us has left to the following students his most prized possession.

Joan Archbold wills the first seat in the assembly to the first one who wants it.

Richard Bard wills his book on "How to Get Along with Teachers in Six Easy Lessons" to Richard Miller.

Eldora Bauermeister wills her brief case to all future class plays given at Ossian.

Lester Bauermeister wills his pitching arm to Paul Dishong.

Norma Baumgardner leaves to any one who wants it her job of getting her little brother ready for school.

Phyllis Carnes wills her crowbar shape to Rosella Fenton.

Irma Coverdale leaves her henna rinse to Bill Jesse.

Shirley Dalton wills her job at the grocery in Yoder to her sister.

George Farr wills his windy ways to Carl Witte.

Floellen Fryback wills her love of studying at noons to Chad Lindemann.

Helen Gallmeyer wills one-half dozen of her boy-friends to any girl who needs them.

Anna Heinrich wills six inches of her height to Rosaline Christman.

Leora Belle Herbst wills her fingernail file to Maxine Fuhrman.

Magdalene Hilgeman leaves her whistling ability to Harry Johnson.



Patricia Hoover wills all the notes she writes in study hall to future paper drives.

Mary Esther Hostetter wills her "steady beau" to Patty Archbold.

Gaylord Jackson wills his bashful ways (at school) to Everett Resler.

Robert Kiefer wills his right to say "I don't know" to the teacher to Jack Baumgardner.

Joyce Kincaid wills her every night date to Margarie Bridges.

Larry Kreigh wills his batting average to Dave Lindemann.

Jerome Lindemann wills his dignified ways to Miss Glass.

Ruth Manns wills her hatred of men to Nona Smith.

Ellis McFadden wills his protruding ears to Mr. Cass.

Doris Miller wills her wolfish ways to Opal Bard.

Dorothy Miller wills her permanently startled expression to Norman Kiefer.

Mary Jane Miller wills her soft sultry voice to Maxine Hendry.

Marjorie Scherry wills her excess weight to Alice Shady.

Paul Sheets wills his ability to make love to Orvil Werling.

Patricia Shierling wills her habit of bursting out all over to Delores Franke.

Mary Mae Shutt wills her eyebrow pencil to Alice Rogers.

LaVerne Slane wills her position at Eve's to David Jesse.

Joann Springer wills her high grades to Hilbert Witte.

Marcella Springer wills her habit to leaving the rest of the typing students dragging behind to Wayne Haggard.

Robert Springer wills his jeep to the class of '48.

Roger Stoneburner wills his mental ability to Dick Jones.

Russel Thruber wills his extensive vocabulary to Paul Sommer.

Joan Valentine wills her wild ways to Peggy Middaugh.

Dale Werling leaves his feminine companions to the sophomore boys.

Dorothy Werling wills her short blond hair to Lady Godiva.

Wilmer Werling leaves all the pins inside the "O" on his sweater to Billy Ogg.

Wayne Wickliffe leaves his wavy black hair to Roy Meuser.

Mary Lou Woodward leaves her low-voiced laugh to Donald Stoppenhagen.

In witness whereof, we, the class of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, testator, have to this, set our hand and seal, this third day of April, 1947.

Paul Sheets

Mary Jane Miller

Ellis McFadden

Shirley Dalton

Gaylord Jackson

Magdalene Hilgeman

Helen Gallmeyer

CLASSFLOWER—RED ROSE

CLASS COLORS—WHITE AND BLUE

MOTTO—SPLITTING THE ATOM OF EDUCATION



## History of the 1947 Atoms

In the year 1935-36 a group of smiling youngsters entered the Ossian school building for the first time. We had no worry on our minds for we were all happy to be starting to school. Our eager little group, guided by Miss Helena Mahnensmith, later composed the graduating class of 1947.

To increase our knowledge for further education we struggled through the second grade. Miss Esther Hoopingardner, our instructor, was a living example for us.

In starting our third year we found we lost seven pupils. They were Florence Schaffer, Ronald Helblig, Velma Harris, Junior Meyers, Garnet Fuller, Lucile Carl, and Norma Bailey. To help make up this loss, David Somers, Rosalie Haiflich, and Patricia and Phyllis Scott joined us. Our final enrollment at the end of the year was thirty. Miss Helen Archbold was our teacher.

When September rolled around in 1939, we found ourselves on a different side of the school building and ready to occupy the fourth grade room. By the end of the year, Dale Archbold and Maxine Miller left while Delores Patterson,

Helen Gallmeyer and Arthur Glass joined us to make a total of thirty-one fourth graders. Miss Elaine Miller guided us through this year.

Oscar Geisel, our fifth grade teacher, kept us on the right path to knowledge during 1940-41. To our disappointment we lost eight friends during this year but we welcomed Robert Good, Richard Meilicke, Marcele Foulks, Ruth Havens, and Jesse Lewis.

During our sixth year we lost Joann Archbold, Donald Holycross, Delores Patterson, Elva Reinking, Joyce Kincaid, and Robert Good; but David Wood, Robert Easley, and Pauline Lewis joined us to make our group a total of twenty-five. Lloyd Way was our instructor.

Being the Junior High and called underclassmen, noisy little seventh graders, etc., didn't stop us from enjoying ourselves. Of course, we were too young to realize the full meaning of December 7, 1941. During this year Joyce Kincaid, Phyllis and Patricia Scott, Delores Patterson, and Joan Archbold came back to us and Pat Shierling, Mary Jo Bales, Doris Miller, Ruth Manns, Roger Stoneburner, Neil Stahl, Jerome Lindemann, Marvin Miller, and Jean Prough enrolled as new members. James Murray was our sponsor.

As September, 1942, rolled around to start another school term, the eighth grade of Ossian found itself composed of 32 pupils. During the summer we lost Jean Prough, Pauline Lewis, Marvin Miller, Phyllis and Patricia Scott, but Lester Wilson, Lester Bauermeister, Dale Werling, Norman Ostermeyer, Walter Kiefer, Russell Thurber, Dorothy Werling, and Helen Gallmeyer enrolled to swell our class.

At last! The year we were looking forward to had come! Our first year in high school! We were now freshmen! This year was a general get-acquainted year because it was the largest enrollment of all our 12 years. During the summer we lost Lester Wilson and Mary Jo Bales. The last week in August when we started, nineteen new boys and girls anxious to know what Ossian was like, came as "Greenhorns" to the high school. They were Richard Clark, Mary Furthmiller, Leora Herbst, Norma Johnson, from Yoder; Ellis McFadden from Poe; Anna Heinrich, Dorothy Miller, Joann Springer, Marcella Springer, and Robert Springer from St. Marks Lutheran; Eldora Bauermeister, Ervin Graft, Edgar Rekeweg, and Wilmer Werling from Bethlehem Lutheran; Marjorie Scherry and Magdalene Hilgemann from Magley. After Christmas vacation Dorothy Christman and Paul Sheets came from Elmhurst, and Mary Esther Hostetter came from Otwell. Edgar Rekeweg withdrew from school due to illness.

Mrs. Doris Coblenz, our class sponsor, also our biology teacher, shared our joys and sorrows with us, and helped us prepare for the coming years. Officers for this year were Jerry Lindemann, president; Lester Bauermeister, vice-president; Ervin Graft, secretary; and Ellis McFadden, treasurer.

In our second year of high school, our enrollment was still 49. Our leadership was given to Miss Smith and Mr. Gerwig. We chose for entertainment a

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## Class Poem

Here is the end of another year,  
From the class of '47 you now shall hear.  
We've only tried to do our best,  
So don't be critical in your test.

First a salute to our sponsors grand  
Who all through this year have made a great  
stand  
To Miss Hoopengardner and Mr. Gerwig  
Go our heartiest thanks, for the small and the  
big.

And to Mr. Benson who through thick and thin,  
Spent a lot of his time to help us win.  
And to all the faculty upstairs and down,  
Who helped us here and all around.

For Miss Logan we give a cheer,  
Without her there'd be no Oracle here.  
Miss West did a lot, here and there.  
Better help couldn't be found anywhere.

Mrs. Archbold's daughter Joan,  
Is a likely wife for any man.  
For all twelve years she's been with us  
And never makes a bit of fuss.

Richard Bard was in both our plays,  
He's editor of Bear Facts, too,  
And we hear from lots of girls,  
That he also can pitch the wool.

Eldora Bauermeister is musically inclined,  
She's artistic, domestic, and very refined.  
She can bake a cake or turn a hem  
As a wife she'll be a gem.

King of Sports is our guy Cy,  
Who keeps himself in the public eye  
He gives the girls many a thrill.  
We all like Les and we always will.

Norma Baumgardner has big brown eyes  
You can tell by her grades she's very wise  
Her hair is naturally curly and brown,  
A nicer girl just can't be found.

Phyllis Carnes is next on our list,  
If she should leave, she'd certainly be missed  
This glamorous gal was in both our plays,  
And yell leader during her senior days.

A cute little gal is Irma Lou,  
She is a friend to all of you  
This year she was our own cheer leader,  
We can't do without her, because we need her.

Shirley Dalton works in a store,  
This attractive girl has friends galore.  
She had a whiny part in the senior play,  
But usually she's bright and gay.

Next we come to Georgie Farr.  
He drives around in a Chevie car.  
His mouth's the biggest in the class,  
But with us seniors he will pass.

Well, well, here's Floretta Fryback  
For playing the piano she has a knack.  
She says she's a friend to the boy next door  
But we wonder if it couldn't be something more.

Helen Galkmeyer lives near Poe.  
When you talk to her she giggles and says  
"Oh".  
Junior from Hoagland is her man.  
He's tall and handsome and very tan.

Anna Heinrich whom you all know,  
Can really bake and cook and sew.  
She's very quiet and also shy,  
But we know Anna will always get by.

Leora Belle is a very nice girl,  
And around her face, her hair does curl.  
She is very contented as you all know,  
And sets everyone's heart aglow.

We've heard Maggie Hilgeman is not hard to  
please,  
That she and Cal have that awful disease  
It consists of four letters but means a lot.  
The disease is "Love", believe it or not.

Our girl coming up is quite artistic.  
She's short, she's gay, and a cute little trick.  
Patty Hoover will walk through life,  
Looking, waiting, for a man without a wife.

Mary Esther from here in town,  
Seems to be one of our class clowns.  
When she goes by, you should see her smile,  
She has a grin that will beam for a mile.

Gaylord Jackson is short and sort of slim.  
Worrying about chemistry make him thin.  
When he gets married and has eight or nine,  
Everyone will say he's doing fine.

Robert Kiefer who has no girl,  
Sits around with his head in a whirl.  
And now when he wants to spoon,  
He sits by himself out under the moon.

Joyce Kincaid says, "How do I look?"  
She has a fit if there's a crook.  
That shouldn't be there, when Johnny's around  
To make a show in this big town.

Larry Kreigh likes the girls,  
And more than that he prefers the curls.  
By and by he'll get his dame,  
But we're not going to tell her name.

One of our basketball players is Jerry,  
At Pat's house he likes to tarry.  
He doesn't have his ring anymore,  
He put it on Pat's finger by the door.

Another from Tocsin? My, oh, my!  
That town surely can't be dry,  
With such a girl as one like this,  
Ruth is just like her big sis.

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## CLASS POEM

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Ellis McFadden is a senior lad,  
Who has a certain junior for a lad.  
"I think Maxine really hits the spot,"  
Is what Ellis says when people quiz him a lot.

Doris "Elsie" Miller hails from Tocsin way,  
The place can't be found on every map.  
But there's lots of excitement in that little town,  
When Doris falls in a he-wolf's trap.

Dorothy Miller says boys are a bother,  
They tell all they know to one another.  
She'll let them be for quite a span,  
To go where she pleases and whenever she can.

Our very capable president in '45,  
Mary Jane likes classical music as well as jive.  
Could you imagine her hair being blonde?  
Of tall, dark, men she's very fond.

Marjorie Scherry is a quiet lass,  
Still she's friendly to all that pass.  
As for boys she says, "They don't worry me.  
I'll find one when I'm ready, tee, hee."

Red hair and temper always go together,  
But we're sure to Paul it doesn't matter.  
His crimson hair and green shirts really  
harmonize.  
Whom Paul will marry we can't surmise.

Pat lives a high strung life,  
And for this man Jerry,  
She's held her heart open, patiently hopin'.  
Some day the man to marry.

With a nice personality and very pleasing voice,  
Mary Mae will surely be some lucky man's  
choice,  
She is good in art and in cooking, too.  
She surely shouldn't be difficult to woo.

Now, my friends, there's LaVerne Slane.  
The boys think she's really a dame.  
When asked when she would settle down,  
LaVerne said, "When the right type I have  
found."

She was our secretary in her sophomore year.  
You always know when Joann is near.  
She's good in basketball and volleyball too,  
When looking for a mate not every one will do.

Marcella, is a red headed Springer.  
Destined to be a good stenographer.  
Although, she seems to like a domestic life,  
Maybe she'll be a contented house wife.

Robert Springer is the lad with a jeep.  
We can hear it coming with its mild peep, peep.  
He was Mr. Butterworth in our junior play,  
But in most classes he has little to say.

His parents named him Roger Roy,  
We all call him Stoney,  
He's our classes' great big boy,  
Who is anything but honey.

Russel Thurber's the shortest in our class,  
He'll never settle down to just one lass.  
But as you all know he's the power to talk,  
And when he gets mad, my how he'll squawk.

Joan Valentine, is a quiet lass.  
We never know when she's in class.  
But when she catches the man in her life,  
He'll have to talk some to equal his wife.

Dale is one of the many Werlings,  
Uncle Omar, to we seniors.  
He's tall, he's slow, he has a head of curly hair.  
When he wants to be heard, we know he's there.

Dorothy Werling is next on our list,  
She's tall, and blonde and full of zist.  
The picture editor for our Oracle,  
Dot won't stop for any obstacle.

Wilmer is another of the Werlings,  
Butch is our senior president.  
He seems the quiet and bashful type,  
But the girls that go out with him never gripe.

The next is a short, black-headed fellow,  
He hails from across the bridge.  
Of course, Wayne Wickliffe is the man,  
Near him you'll usually see Ruth Manns.

Mary Lou sports a diamond on her left finger,  
We don't know how long to Ray she'll linger,  
Said Ray, "I want a sewer and an especially  
good cook,  
And if you can do that, you're hooked."

Now this is the line-up for the game.  
We're sure the winning won't be tame.  
You see it's Grads vs. The World.  
And on the floor our lives may be hurled.

Sa goodbye, dear students, teachers, and friends,  
All good things must come to an end.  
We bid you farewell, and wish you luck.  
May your lives be as nice as a book.

Floellen Fryback  
Patty Hoover  
Anna Heinrich  
Joan Archbold

# UNDERCLASSMEN

We introduce you to the junior officers—

President—B. Amburn  
Vice President—W. Werling  
Secretary—W. Summers  
Treasurer—B. Jesse  
Sponsors—Miss Smith and Mr. Lee

Sophomore officers—

President—B. Ogg  
Vice President—K. Eichler  
Secretary—M. Bushee  
Treasurer—J. Walker  
Councilor—S. Goshorn  
Class Reporter—N. Dalton  
Sponsors—Miss Logan and Mr. Cass

Freshmen officers—

President—L. Werling  
Vice President—L. Dawson  
Secretary—A. Carnes  
Treasurer—S. Sample  
News Reporter—B. Hoover  
Sponsors—Miss West and Mr. Lesh



and different snaps.





# JUNIORS



Billy Amburn  
 Jerrie Amburn  
 Opal Bard  
 Norbert Bauermeister  
 Margarie Bridges

Betty Confer  
 Charles Confer  
 Joan Confer  
 Joe Corn  
 Martha Dettmer

Wayne Ehret  
 Rosella Fenton  
 Maxine Fuhrman  
 Tom Goshorn  
 Wayne Haggard

Betty Heckman  
 Marilyn Imel  
 Bill Jesse  
 Harry Johnson  
 Richard Jones

Charles Lindemann  
 Norman Meyer  
 Peggy Middaugh  
 Richard Miller  
 Luella Oser

Neal Pape  
 Margeret Rekeweg  
 Everet Resler  
 Alice Rogers  
 Joan Simermann

Nona Smith  
 Barbara Somers  
 Paul Sommer  
 Jack Sorlie  
 Edward Springer

LaVera Springer  
 Ruth Springer  
 Hilda Studebaker  
 Wanda L. Summers  
 Jim Wade

Max Wall  
 Wayne Werling  
 Helene Werling  
 Joyce Werling  
 Norma Werling  
 Carl Witte

# SOPHOMORES

Lois Barkley

Delbert Bauermeister

Jack Baumgardner

Maureen Bushee

Jack Corn

Barbara Van Skyock

Kenneth Eichler

Elaine Farr

Delores Franke

Sharon Ginzel

Shirley Goshorn

Alice Hatfield

Catherine Helblig

Maxine Henry

Arlon Johnson

Norman Kiefer

Autie Lewis

David Lindemann

Louis Manns

Marylinn McAfee

Richard McGinnis

Jim Ogg

Maxine Pape

Nancy Patten

Eileen Scherry

Naomi Smith

Bob Stahl

Don Stoppenhagen

Marilyn Todd

Jackie Walker

Orvil Werling

Richard Wolfe

Virginia Wood

Nancy Dalton (absent)





# FRESHMEN



Joyce Bell  
 Mary Ann Burke  
 Adahleen Carnes  
 Rosaline Christman

Harold Clark  
 Norma Dalrymple  
 Lloyd Dawson  
 Anita Fosnight

Loretta Graft  
 Maryetta Hammons  
 Bessie Hoover  
 David Jesse

Don Johnson  
 Richard Kipfer  
 Carl Mason  
 Helen Miller

Mary Lou Oser  
 Leroy Peters  
 James Pettibone  
 Opal Reed

Walter Roberts  
 Sanford Sample  
 Henry Scare  
 Forrest Scherrer

Alice Schady  
 Donna Simermann  
 Donald Sorg  
 Jim Sorlie

Dorothy Springer  
 Olga Stegmann  
 Darwin Weikel  
 Ellen Mae Werling

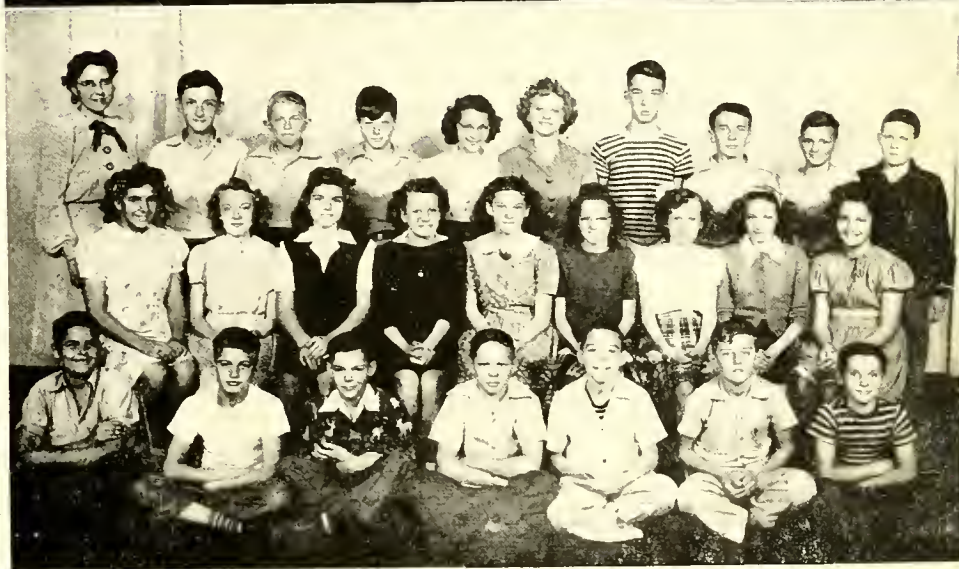
Lois Werling  
 Hilbert Witte  
 Roy Meuser  
 Carlton Worthman



## 8th Grade



## 7th Grade



### EIGHTH GRADE

Back row—D. Borrer, L. Bryant, E. Scarce, K. Young, A. Lantis, L. Kincaid, D. Eyerly, Mrs. Fryback, sponsor.

Middle row—J. Pavey, C. Clark, C. Hall, I. Herman, E. Yager, K. Weikel, B. Bowman, M. Hess.

Front row—M. McGee, J. Imel, A. Gear, P. Dishong, B. Kipfer, J. Bushee, D. Double.

### SEVENTH GRADE

Back row—Miss Glass, sponsor, G. McIntosh, R. Elliott, R. Oddsen, C. Snider, J. Currence, D. Heckley, R. Isnogle, D. Confer, T. Somers.

Middle row—J. Ramsay, P. Schnepp, B. Dull, M. Bard, B. McCombs, C. Andrews, P. Ginzel, B. Young, B. Shaffer.

Front row—D. Ault, T. Clark, R. Wickliffe, T. Jesse, D. Hoover, K. Bowman, L. Dawson.



#### SIXTH GRADE

Back row, left to right—B. Byerly, J. Adams, F. Kumfer, E. Rogers, R. Dalrymple, Mr. Geisel.

Second row—L. Oser, C. Lee, P. Sorlie, M. McGee, R. Ross, M. Mechling.

Third row—B. Hiser, M. Corney, W. Reppert, E. Reed, E. Rodda, S. Elzey, C. Heckber, L. McCombs, L. Stahl.

Front row—J. Duncan, L. Yager, R. Carnes, L. Score, B. Imel, H. Jesse, L. Sowards.



#### FIFTH GRADE

Back row, left to right—D. Braun, B. Rodda, B. Geisel, K. Spencer, R. Patten, R. Mackay, D. Todd, Mrs. Decker.

Second row—R. Burke, N. Shaffer, A. Pentecost, B. Follis, D. Smith, D. McBride, A. Scare, R. Bryant.

Third row—M. Yager, R. Wegman, R. Lloyd, N. Confer, M. Wickliffe, J. McBride, T. Sievers, S. Mahnensmith, B. Hoopengardner, S. Karns.



#### FOURTH GRADE

Back row, left to right—B. Thurber, J. Mahnensmith, R. Fenton, L. Burke, D. Frye, Mrs. Johnson.

Second row—F. McBride, S. Imel, C. Houser, S. Quackenbush, A. Oddsere, A. Llayd, C. Simerman, G. Mechling, T. Studebaker.

Third row—S. Rass, G. Bryant, M. Hahn, E. Pentecost, C. Barnhart, N. Thurber, A. Bowman, K. Mackey, M. Dairn.

Front row—R. Shutt, A. Yager, J. Marquardt, D. Newhard, J. Fasnight, G. Jump, J. Rupright.



### THIRD GRADE

Back row—D. Simmerman, D. Young, R. Zaugg, R. Cuellar, L. Mackey, L. Smith, C. Fallis, R. Reimschisel, R. Reimschisel, R. Biberstine, Mrs. Ruth Hoover, teacher.

Second row—R. Kumfer, D. Mechling, J. Bowman, P. Frye, B. Dawson, R. McCombs, M. Perkins, L. Archbold, R. Woodward, P. Braun, S. Huffer, L. Rarick, R. Ewart.

Front row—B. Millholland, B. Bryan, D. Marquardt, J. Sorlie, M. Pentecost, T. Jakway, R. Burns, S. Earl, T. Woodward, B. Ginzel.



### SECOND GRADE

Back row—T. Melchling, D. Hahn, L. Cuellar, A. Scare, D. Lassiter, D. Elzev, J. Young, A. Farrell, N. Burke, R. Somers.

Second row—E. McAhren, R. Baumgardner, D. Bryant, A. Drage, B. Reed, M. Rath, J. Bowman, S. Henline, S. Clark, L. Rupright, S. Hower.

Front row—J. Hostetter, C. Ewart, R. Gresley, J. Woodward, F. Simerman, R. Manns, K. Huffer, J. Reppert.

Absent—S. Smith.



### FIRST GRADE

Back row—M. Warner, J. Reimschisel, J. Hunter, M. Nash, J. Ortiz, H. Burke, N. McBride, T. McAfee, L. Hilsmier, Miss Mahnensmith, teacher.

Second row—J. Elliott, N. Lipp, T. Arnold, C. Quisenberry, M. Elliott, J. Shadday, C. Hilsmier, B. Ewart, M. Durr, S. Gwaltney, M. Henry.

Third row—C. Mechling, C. Dick, R. Simerman, G. Dawson, S. Weaver, A. Marquardt, J. Rutledge, B. Isnogle, R. Kreigh, J. Hebst, L. Lindeman.

Front row—L. Frye, J. Ginzel, S. Carnes, B. Hoopengardner, J. Lassiter, T. Reed, R. Walker, D. Newhard, D. Benson, B. Jump.

Absent—Judy Johnson.







## Bears

Top Row:—N. Pape, J. Lindemann, W. Werling, B. Werling.  
Bottom Row:—L. Bauermeister, B. Amburn, J. Corn, L. Kriegh.



## At'um Bears

Look at those faces—and WE were winning!  
 Slug it, Moldy—on your toes, Larry—Good picture,  
 boys—Poor bench—Butch, you go left out.







Back Row:—Principal, J. McLean Benson, J. Lindemann, L. Bauermeister, J. Corn, W. Werling, Coach Everett Cass  
Front Row:—B. Werling, L. Kreigh, B. Amburn, N. Pape.

## VARSITY

The Bears have had an average season, winning eight of their first 17 games. Two of the losses were heart-breaking overtimes.

A glance at the scores will show Coach Cass in his fifth season at OHS piloted a squad with sporadic potentialities; they held Bluffton to 37-41 count and Roanoke Stonewalls 26-31.

Les Bauermeister, Larry Kreigh, Jerry Lindemann, and Butch Werling were senior men playing their last year for Coach Cass and OHS.

Neal Pape led the Bears in scoring this season with 146 points in seventeen games. Wayne Werling was second with 98, while Joe Corn was close on his heels with 95 points.

The largest crowd to see the Bears in action was at the Bluffton game taken to the community gym with \$533.65 gross receipts.

More balls were available than a season ago, but the quality was inferior—the stitching broke easily.

As the Oracle went to press, Coach Cass and Principal Benson were perplexed to know how to spread 214 sectional tickets among 295 season ticket holders.

Union Center 52-50 (overtime), Rockcreek 35-40, Petroleum 18-19, Hoagland 41-29, West Union 28-30, Lancaster 26-28, Lafayette Central 30-35, Roanoke 31-26, Bluffton 41-37, Lancaster 46-12, Chester 34-31, Liberty Center 33-30, Berne 38-36 (overtime), Elmhurst 38-29, Union Center 16-47, Montpelier 55-40, Warren 39-31.



# Softball

The Ossian softball team reigned as county champs again this year to make it the second time in the last two years. The Ossian squad met Chester in the county play-off at Bluffton, September 24. The Bears defeated Chester 9 to 0.

## Cubs

The Cubs have won 8 and lost 6 games with Harry Johnson leading scorer, totaling 78 points in 14 games. Carl Witte was in second place with 75 points.

Scores:—

Ossian 26	Rockcreek 1	Ossian 10	Union 1
Ossian 20	Union 1	Ossian 8	Rockcreek 0
Ossian 6	Lancaster 2	Ossian 6	Lancaster 1
		Ossian 9	Chester 0



### SOFTBALL

Back row—D. Werling, L. Bauermeister, C. Witte, C. Mason, K. Eichler, D. Lindemann, W. Werling.

Middle row—E. Cass, Coach, N. Meyers, C. Lindemann, J. Corn, H. Johnson, B. Werling, L. Kreigh, J. Benson,

Seated — E. McFadden, B. Amburn, R. Thurber, B. Jesse.



### CUBS

Back row — E. Cass, Coach, H. Johnson, T. Goshorn, C. Lindemann, J. Corn, C. Witte, J. Benson.

Front row—J. Sorlie, D. Miller, D. Johnson, F. Scherrer, S. Sample, D. Lindemann, K. Eichler.



#### TEDDY BEARS

Back Row—J. Imel, R. Borrer, D. Heckley, R. Isnogle, M. McGee, Coach Lesh.

Front Row—T. Clark, P. Dishong, D. Hoover, T. Jesse, A. Gear.



Pat Shierling,  
Phyllis Carnes,  
Irma Coverdale

#### CHEER LEADERS

Phyllis Carnes, Irma Coverdale, and Pat Shierling, three seniors, were elected by the student body to lead the Bears to victory by plenty of vim and vigor from the Red and White yelling section.

#### TEDDY BEARS (Junior High)

At the mid-way point in the Teddy Bears' schedule they had won 4 of their 8 games. The second half of their season is a 4-team

league with Rockcreek, Union and Lancaster. The northern-half winner will then meet the winner of the southern schools of the county.

The scoring for each player is as follows: Dishong-51, McGee-46, Jesse-25, Gear-17, Imel-16, Borrer-9, Bryant-6, Hoover-4, Heckley-3, Clark-3.

Ossian 33.....	Lafayette 25
Ossian 29.....	Lafayette 21
Ossian 23.....	Hoagland 38
Ossian 29.....	Roanoke 16
Ossian 18.....	Hoagland 51
Ossian 22.....	Lafayette 15
Ossian 26.....	Roanoke 32
Ossian 31.....	Lancaster 37



## Girls' Sports

Softball is the popular fall sport for OHS girls. Entertaining Rockcreek and Union players and a trip to play at Union one COLD afternoon highlighted the softball season.

Volleyball is the universally popular noon league sport. Teams captained by Mary E. Hostetter, Joan Springer, Maxine Fuhrman, Jerrie Amburn, Lois Barkley, and Norma Dalrymple played nine games each. Captain Amburn's team, pictured, never lost a game. Hostetter's and Springer's teams held second and third places respectively.

In the class tourney the seniors, pictured, defeated the freshies decisively 51-1 in the final game. However in the first round the freshmen squeezed out a 2-point victory over the sophs and the seniors defeated the juniors by a safe margin.

Basketball is the most popular gym class sport. January noon league teams, pictured, were captained by Pat Shierling, Margarie Bridges, Nancy Patten, Nancy Dalton, Bessie Hoover, and Adahleen Carnes.

Preparing dances for the spring revue, paddle tennis, and hiking are on the sports calendar for spring.







Coach Cass (pictured above) reports that managers Werling and Sorlie have done their jobs well in keeping equipment in shape. But Dale says the boys just can't run around and still play (?) his type of ball. Who ever saw Dale play basketball?

## ACTIVITIES



The officers of the Ossian chapter of the SSS are as follows: L. Herbst, president; W. Summers, vice-president; D. Werling, treasurer; M. Bushee, recording secretary; L. Barkley, corresponding secretary. The males of Ossian are organized in the Hi-Y; they are led by E. McFadden, president; P. Somer, vice-president; D. Jones, secretary; B. Amburn, treasurer; L. Kreigh and P. Sheets sergeants-at-arms. The homemakers in their Martha Washington Club have elected J. Archbold, president; J. Springer, vice-president; R. Springer, secretary; J. Confer, treasurer. Others pictured are librarians and office girls.





# Annual Staff



## Back row:

M. Hostetter, P. Shierling, P. Hoover, P. Carnes, A. Heinrich, J. Kincaid, D. Miller, M. Scherry, D. Werling, J. Benson, Miss Logan.

## Middle row:

E. Bauermeister, I. Coverdale, M. Shutt, Miss Hoopengardner, J. Springer, L. Herbst, M. Springer, M. Woodward, F. Fryback, D. Miller.

## Seated:

L. Bauermeister, J. Lindemann, R. Thurber, B. Werling, R. Suringer, D. Werling.

The annual staff was promptly chosen soon after the opening of the first semester. From each of the staff came their bit to compose the book.

After months of hard work the book was completed.

We, the Senior Class, present for your approval the Oracle of '47!

The staff is as follows:

Editor .....	Joann Springer
Associate editor.....	Leora Herbst
Sports editor .....	Russell Thurber, Dale Werling
Picture editor .....	Dorothy Werling
Activities editor .....	Phyllis Carnes
Calendar editor .....	Irma Coverdale
Faculty editor .....	Mary Esther Hostetter
Senior editor .....	Mary Lou Woodward
Art editors .....	Patty Hoover, Joyce Kincaid, Doris Miller
Circulation editors .....	Pat Shierling, Mary Mae Shutt, Eldora Bauermeister, Jerry Lindemann
Business Manager .....	Anna Heinrich
Advertising Managers .....	Lester Bauermeister, Wilmer Werling, Robert Springer
Class Poem .....	Floellen Fryback, Patty Hoover, Anna Heinrich, Joan Archbold
Class Will .....	Paul Sheets, Shirley Dalton, Magdelene Hilgeman, Ellis McFadden, Mary Jane Miller, Helen Gallmeyer, Gaylord Jackson
Class Prophecy .....	Ruth Manns, Richard Bard, Larry Kreigh, LaVerne Slane, Norma Baumgardner, Roger Stoneburner, Joan Valentine
Class History .....	Marcella Springer, Dorothy Miller, Wilmer Werling, Wayne Wickliffe, George Farr, Robert Springer
Typists .....	Marcella Springer, Floellen Fryback, Marjorie Scherry, Dorothy Miller
Sponsors .....	Miss Logan, Miss Hoopengardner, Mr. Benson

# Bear Facts Staff

The school paper, traditionally named BEAR FACTS was published each grading period by the journalism class directed by Miss Hoopengardner. BEAR FACTS was printed at Bluffton. Subscriptions sold for 25 cents or five cen's an edition. The number of papers sold each grading period was approximately 240.

The staff members are as follows:

Editor-in-Chief	Richard Bard
Assistant-Editor	Shirley Dalton
Sports Editors	Marcella Springer, Russel Thurber, Larry Kriegh Anna Heinrich
Exchange Editor	Wilmer Werling,
Circulation Managers	Robert Springer, Dorothy Miller, Ellis McFadden LoVerne Slane,
Humor Editors	Ruth Manns Helen Gallmeyer
Reporters	
Elementary News	Eldora Bauermeister
9-10 News	Joan Valentine
11-12 News	Mary M. Shutt
Club News	Joann Springer
Departmental News	Paul Sheets,
Feature Writers	Floellen Fryback, Mary Lou Woodward Mary Esther Hostetter, Pat Shierling, Patty Hoover, Phyllis Carnes, Irma Coverdale
Sponsor	Miss Hoopengardner



Back row—R. Thurber, L. Kreigh, A. Heinrich, R. Manns, P. Sheets, R. Springer, B. Werling, E. McFadden, E. Bauermeister, J. Valentine.  
Middle row—J. Springer, L. Slane, M. Shutt, Miss Hoopergardner, S. Dalton, R. Bard, F. Fryback, H. Gallmeyer, D. Miller.  
Front row—M. Springer, P. Carnes, M. Hostetter, P. Hoover, I. Coverdale, P. Shierling.



# Sunshine Society



Top Picture

Back row — D. Werling, J. Valentine, M. Scherry, S. Ginzel, V. Wood, E. Scherry, A. Hatfield, M. Todd, J. Springer, B. Heckman, S. Dalton.

Middle row—Miss Lagan, F. Fryback, M. Hilgeman, J. Archbold, L. Slane, P. Carnes, M. Bridges, J. Werling, N. Werling, D. Miller, Miss Hoopengardner.

Front row—P. Hoover, R. Manns, M. Woodward, J. Kincaid, H. Gallmeyer, O. Bard, L. Springer, W. Summers, J. Amburn, H. Werling.

Lower Picture

Back row—H. Studebaker, M. Rekeweg, N. Smith, O. Stegeman, O. Reed, D. Simmerman, B. Hoover, A. Carnes, J. Bell, S. Goshorn, M. Hendry, L. Werling, D. Springer.

Third row—D. Franke, A. Heinrich, E. Farr, K. Helbig, N. Dalrymple, B. Confer, J. Conler, R. Fenton, A. Rogers, N. Patten, M. Pape, M. Bushee, M. Furhman, M. McAlee.

Second row—M. Imel, N. Smith, E. Werling, H. Miller, L. Graft, L. Barkley, B. Van Skyock, J. Walker, B. Burke, R. Christman, A. Fosnight, M. Dettmer.

Front row—M. Miller, I. Coverdale, M. Hattetter, P. Shierling, E. Bauermeister, M. Springer, L. Herbst.

The thought gained by the Sunshine Creed is trying to do our best to make our community a better place in which to live.

Each year when school has just reconvened, new students have come to OHS, and ex-eighth graders have advanced. To make these people feel at home in our Society right from the start, we sponsor a get-acquainted party. Other parties are also sponsored by each class in their respective months.

This year at Christmas the west windows in Room 7 were decorated with a hearty Merry Christmas by the Sunshine girls. Christmas gifts were sent to boys and girls at the Wells County Children's Hospital.

A mother and daughter reception is sponsored in the spring.

# Hi-Y Organization

The Hi-Y organization was sponsored by Mr. Benson with a membership of forty-one.

The following were the officers:

President .....Ellis McFadden  
 Vice-president .....Paul Sommer  
 Secretary .....Dick Jones  
 Treasurer .....Bill Amburn  
 Sergeant-at-Arms .....Paul Sheets  
 the magician; Jack Raymon, snake man; and Earl Hilfiker, traveller.

A paper drive and also a skating party was sponsored this year.

To conclude their activities a Hi-Y banquet is sponsored in the spring.

The Hi-Y has as their purpose to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character. Their slogan is Clean, Speech, Clean Sports, Clean Scholarship, and Clean Living.

This year the Hi-Y sponsored a series of four programs for the student body. Included in these were: The Charm Quartette; Dr. C. Thomas Mangrum,

Back row—J. Baumgardner,  
 J. Corn, N. Meyers, R.  
 Stoneburner, C. Confer,  
 L. Kreigh, K. Eichler, B.  
 Amburn, E. Ressler.  
 Third row — R. Bard, P.  
 Sheets, C. Mason, T.  
 Goshorn, W. Werling, E.  
 Springer, H. Clark, G.  
 Jackson, A. Lewis, W.  
 Haggard, Mr. Benson,  
 sponsor.  
 Second row—R. Thurber, R.  
 Springer, B. Werling, C.  
 Witte, H. Johnson, J.  
 Corn, B. Jesse, J. Sorlie,  
 N. Pape, B. Ogg, A. John-  
 son.  
 Front row—R. Gentis, H.  
 Witte, J. Sorlie, S. Sam-  
 ple, W. Wickliffe, E. Mc-  
 Fadden, D. Jesse, F.  
 Scherrer, D. Weikel.







## GLEE CLUB

The High School Glee Club, which was organized this year by Miss Dorothy West, consists of sixty members from all four classes.

The group sang for the Lion's Club Hallowe'en party, participated in the school Christmas program, and small groups of the chorus performed at other times. Among these were the County Teacher's Institute, the Home Economics Club, and the performance of "Hansel and Gretel", the grade school operetta.

The girls will sing for the seniors bacculaureate and commencement also this spring.

### TOP PICTURE

Top Row:—Miss West, teacher, P. Hoover, N. Dalrymple, H. Miller, A. Carnes, N. Smith, B. VanSkyock, M. McAfee, A. Hatfield, P. Carnes, D. Franke, P. Shierling.

Front Row:—J. Bell, A. Fosnight, E. Scherry, L. Barkley, N. Patten, M. Hendry, S. Goshorn, J. Walker, M. Todd, M. Bushee, O. Bard, B. Haaver.

### BOTTOM PICTURE

Top Row:—M. Dettmer, M. Miller, F. Fryback, M. Hilgeman, N. Werling, N. Smith.

Center Row:—P. Archbold, J. Simerman, M. Scherry, E. Bauermeister, H. Gallmeyer, J. Archbold, M. Shutt, S. Dalton, L. Slane, A. Heinrich, B. Heckman, J. Werling, M. Bridges.

Front Row:—I. Coverdale, P. Middaugh, B. Somers, W. Summers, H. Studebaker, R. Manns, J. Kincaid, M. Woodward, H. Werling, J. Amburn, M. Hostetter, D. Miller.

## MADRIGALS

Standing — Miss West, P Hoover, M Detterm, F Fryback, M. Miller, M. Hosteler  
Sitting—E. Bauermeister, M Fubrman, R. Manns, I Coverdale, L. Slane.



## BOYS' CHORUS

Back Row:—J. Sorlie, R. Miller, P. Somer.  
Second Row:—T. Goshorn, W. Haggard, H. Johnson, W. Werling, R. Springer, Miss West.  
Sitting:—J. Corn, J. Corn, C Confer, R. Stahl, B. Werling.



## Madrigals

The Madrigals entertained between acts of the senior play and also helped out at the Lion's Club Hallowe'en Party.

## Boys' Chorus

Miss West showed her ambitious character this year by organizing a boys' chorus of twenty-seven members.

The boys made an initial appearance at the carnival, sponsored by the seniors this fall, when they provided background music for the entrance of the Queen.

The boys also took part in the school Christmas program.





Standing—P. Sheets, P. Carnes, R. Bard, I. Coverdale, P. Shierling,  
Seated—D. Werling, D. Werling, M. Hostetter, P. Hoover, E. McFadden, M. Miller, F. Fry-  
back, Miss Hoopengardner, director.  
Skits from scenes of the play.

## Senior Play

"Cash and Carry" was presented by the Senior class on October 17 and 18, 1946. This play was a domestic comedy and recaptured the homespun humor of a large family trying to live on a budget.

Certainly no one can forget Carrie Ferguson, the mother, (Mary Esther Hostetter) trying desperately to fit her girdle, Bradley Kirkwood (Paul Sheets) helping Anne Ferguson (Phyllis Carnes) pack her suitcase, Judy Bowen (Pat Shierling) "showing" Trig Ferguson (Richard Bard) how to read Spanish, Alberta Ferguson (Patty Hoover) and her "burp juice", Jenny Wharton (Floellen Fryback) with her sharp nose and tongue, Sweetie Jackson (Roger Stoneburner) and his stomach trouble, Hon Jackson (Shirley Dalton) telling Uncle Omar Tully (Dale Werling) a thing or two, Marilyn Ferguson (Irma Coverdale) trying to make a lady out of Judy Bowen, Earl Cornick (Ellis McFadden) with an accent of a guy from "New Joisey", Dorthula (Mary Jane Miller) and her card parties, Gerty (Dorothy Werling) and her political talk concerning Uncle Omar.



Standing—L. Herbst, P. Carnes, M. Hostetter, P. Hoover, P. Shierling, R. Bard.  
Seated—R. Stoneburner, P. Sheets, M. Woodward, M. Miller, E. McFadden, R. Springer, W. Werling. Poochie (the dog)

## Junior Play

"Are You Mr. Butterworth?" was presented by the Class of '47 on March 22 and 23, 1946. The action of the play took place in the combined lobby and coffee shop of the Empire Hotel; the time was the present.

"Are You Mr. Butterworth" began with a question mark with Tommy, the bellhop (Richard Bard) always paging Mr. Butterworth (Robert Springer) who finally turned up, the father of Helen Worth (Phyllis Carnes) who concealed her identity at the hotel to Dan Meridith (Ellis McFadden) who fell in love with Helen and in the climax gained her love.

There was always the humor of the elevator which was operated by Kathie (Pat Shierling) who never had a speed limit especially when Miss Van Cleve (Mary Jane Miller) was concerned.

There was another romance too—between Virginia Blair, (Leora Herbst) a waitress in the coffee shop and Mack McGinnis (Paul Sheets) the house detective, which Sylvia DeLaney (Mary Lou Woodward), a typical floor-show actress, complicated.

We can't forget our telegraph boy (Butch Werling) who was forever loyal with his telegraphs. Mrs. Armstrong (Mary Esther Hostetter) certainly played her part of impatience with her employees. Pansy Apple-Blossom Lincoln (Pat Hoover) was an essential character with her black face and Southern drawl. And last Leon Bashinsky (Roger Stoneburner), a jewelry salesman, stirred up the main plot of the show with his lost diamonds.



# Honor Students

## CARNIVAL QUEEN

What's a carnival without a queen?

The main event on Carnival Night, October 22, 1946, was heralded by campaigns by four contesting queens.

To Joyce Werling, a seventeen-year-old junior with pleasing personality and ready smile, went the honor of reigning over the evening's festivities.

Her court consisted of the nominees from the other three classes: Bessie Hoover, freshman; Barbara Van Skyock, sophomore; and Ruth Manns, senior.

At 10 P.M. a trumpet announced the entrance of the queen and her court to the throne constructed in the gym. To appropriate music the four girls in formals took their places with Queen Joyce Werling kneeling before her throne while Principal J. McLean Benson placed a crown of flowers on her hair.



## 4-H WINNER

McLlyn Todd, Junior Leader and 4-H member pictured, won distinction for Ossian High School by winning the County Dress Revue. This distinction gave her the privilege of styling her outfit at the State Fair, representing Wells County.

## D. A. R. WINNER

Every year the D.A.R. sponsors a Good Citizenship Contest. Each school chooses a girl who excels in the following qualities: dependability, service and co-operation, leadership, and patriotism. The seniors choose three girls who rank high in these characteristics. From the three the faculty chooses one. This year's winner is Joann Springer.





Back Row:—R. Springer, M. Springer, J. Springer, N. Smith, N. Baumgardner, N. Werling, M. Hilgeman, L. Oser, D. Franke, M. Imel, J. Archbold, J. Kincaid, J. Valentine, D. Miller.

Center Row:—A. Rogers, B. Confer, D. Miller, M. Bushee, C. Helblig, M. Pape, M. Shutt, M. Woodward, M. Todd, A. Hatfield, M. McAfee R. Manns, A. Heinrich, Miss Smith

Front Row:—R. Fenton, E. Bauermeister, B. VanSkyock, L. Barkley, N. Smith, N. Patten, M. Hendry, S. Goshorn, S. Ginzel, E. Farr, L. Slane, J. Confer, M. Rekeweg.

## Martha Washington Club

The Martha Washington Club, the organization to which home economic girls in sophomore, junior and senior classes may belong, has a membership of thirty-nine girls. Their object is to create better home membership through meetings, discussions, recreation, and service.

The officers for the year were:

Joan Archbold .....	President
Joann Springer .....	Vice-president
Ruth Springer .....	Secretary
Joan Confer .....	Treasurer
Grace Smith .....	Sponsor

The organization selected the motto for the year "There's No Place Like Home". Their colors are blue and white with the white rose as the flower and the Betty Lamp as the emblem.

This year the club became a member of the national organization, Future Homemakers of America.

The calendar for the year was as follows:

October 15 .....	Initiation
November 26 .....	Teacher's Tea
December 18 .....	The Meaning of Christmas
January 7 .....	Foreign Marriages
February 18 .....	Wives of the Presidents
March 4 .....	Customs of Homes
April 8 .....	Homes of Famous Women
May 1 .....	Election of Officers





## 4-H Junior Leaders

Ossian High School can be justly proud of the Junior Leaders pictured above. After five years of being club members and one year of Assistant Junior Leading under the guidance of Miss Smith, they became Junior Leaders. Alice Hatfield, Marilyn Todd, Jackie Walker, and Rosella Fenton led the Serving Clubs, Maureen Bushee managed the Foods, and Nancy Patten, Maxine Hendry, and Shirley Goshorn supervised the Baking. The girls all worked hard the first part of 1946 to raise money to pay their expenses to 4-H Round-up at Purdue. They left Ossian July 8 and returned the 10. They lived in a dormitory and had very few classes. Miss Smith showed the girls all the points of interest around the campus. The girls learned new ideas from the dress revue, lectures, and demonstrations that were given. There were two Assistant Junior Leaders in the organization. They were Noram Dalrymple and Sharon Ginzel. These two girls hope to earn their right to go to Round-up too.



## Faculty Baby Pictures

1

R. Gilliom  
J. M. Benson  
R. Hoover  
E. Cass  
H. Decker

2

B. Fryback  
R. Glass  
H. Logan  
O. Geisel

3

W. Hoopengardner  
H. Johnson  
H. Lesh  
H. Mahnensmith  
G. Smith  
A. Gerwig

Not pictured: D. West, J. Lee





## Senior Baby Pictures

Top Row:—H. Callmeyer, M. Springer, E. McFadden, W. Werling, M. Hilgeman, D. Miller, J. Springer, A. Heinrich.

Second Row:—I. Coverdale, M. Scherry, S. Dalton, R. Thurber.

Third Row:—D. Werling, G. Jackson, R. Bard, D. Werling, M. Shutt, D. Miller, R. Manns.

Fourth Row:—N. Baumgardner, E. Bauermeister, J. Archbold, J. Springer, P. Sheets, P. Shierling, A. Heinrich, J. Valentine, F. Fryback.

Last Row:—P. Carnes, M. Woodward, D. Miller, R. Suringer, R. Manns.

(Some of the seniors are not pictured above)

# Calendar

- AUGUST     27—School started.  
            28—Ossian played Rockcreek (Ossian 26, Rockcreek 1). (Softball)
- SEPTEMBER   2—Labor Day, no school.  
                4—Ossian played Union (Ossian 20, Union 2).  
                5—Unio girls mixed softball with Ossian girls here.  
                6—Ossian defeated Lancaster (Ossian 6, Lancaster 2).  
                7—Senior pictures taken.  
                9—Rockcreek girls played Ossian girls.  
                11—Ossian defeated Union (Ossian 10, Union 1).  
                13—Ossian played Rockcreek (Ossian 8, Rockcreek 0).  
                17—Ossian defeated Lancaster (Ossian 6, Lancaster 1).  
                    Juniors ordered class jewelry; seniors ordered invitations.  
                24-27—Street Fair.  
                24—Softball Tourney at Bluffton (Ossian 9, Chester 0).
- OCTOBER     2—First **Bear Facts** issued.  
                3—Wade Quartet.  
                4—SSS party.  
                17-18—Senior Play, "Cash and Carrie".  
                22—Carnival.  
                24-25—Teachers' Association.  
                29—SSS initiation.  
                30—Charm Quartet.
- NOVEMBER    1—East Union vs. Ossian (Union 52-50) (overtime) (basketball)  
                5—Seniors on WOWO (Around the City Desk).  
                6—Rockcreek vs. Ossian there (Ossian 40-35).  
                7—Seniors receive pictures.  
                8—Petroleum vs. Ossian (Ossian 19-18).  
                12—Seniors receive name cards.  
                15—Hoagland vs. Ossian there (Hoagland 41-29).  
                18—Harry White—Scientist.  
                20—West Union vs. Ossian there (Ossian 31-29).  
                22—Lancaster vs. Ossian (Ossian 28-26).  
                    First Sock Hop.  
                26—SSS party.  
                27—Lafayette vs. Ossian (Ossian 35-30).
- DECEMBER    4—Juniors receive jewelry.  
                6—Roanoke vs. Ossian (Roanoke 31-26).  
                    Second Sock Hop.  
                10—SSS party.  
                12—Magrum, magician.  
                13—Bluffton vs. Ossian there (Bluffton 41-37).  
                17—Hi-Y Skating Party.  
                20—Lancaster vs. Ossian there (Lancaster 46-12).  
                23—Grade Operetta, "Hansel and Gretel".



# Calendar

- JANUARY    10-11—County Tourney.  
14—Donkey Basketball game.  
17—Liberty vs. Ossian there (Ossian 33-30).  
21—Senior Skating Party.  
24—Berne here. (Berne 38-36—overtime)  
Third Sock Hop  
27—9A group of students went to Ball State to hear the Indianapolis Symphony.  
30—Junior Town Meeting Broadcast with Waterloo.  
30—Elmhurst at New Haven (Elmhurst 39-29).  
31—Martin Crouse—Magician.
- FEBRUARY    1—E. Union there.  
3—Hilliker—Traveler and lecturer.  
5—Montpelier there.  
7—Warren there.  
11—Several commercial students make a tour through the Lincoln Life.  
14—Rockcreek here.  
19—SSS party.  
21—Huntington Township here.  
28-1—Sectional tourney.
- MARCH        7—Class Tourney.  
13—Raymon—Snake-man.  
14—Wade uartet.  
14—Wade Quartet.  
21—Junior Bingo Party.  
28-29—Junior Play.
- APRIL        4—Good Friday.  
10—Dress Revue.  
11—Allen Duo—Radio program.  
28-29—Junior Play.  
27—Baccalaureate.
- MAY          1—Commencement.  
5—Seniors start trip.  
7—End of school.

## HISTORY OF THE 1947 ATOMS

Continued

skating party at Bell's Rink and a party at Moser Lake. Our class officers were president, Mary Jane Miller; vice-president, Ellis McFadden; secretary, Joann Springer; treasurer, Dorothy Werling.

Our eleventh year started with the election of officers. Richard Bard was chosen president; Wilmer Werling, vice-president; Leora Herbst, secretary; and Pat Shierling, treasurer. The first question that was before us was whether to have a Junior-Senior Prom or a trip East when we were seniors. We are now looking forward to a trip. All attention was then given toward raising money for this trip.

A great day in the year was when we received our class rings. Also our first class play, "Are You Mr. Butterworth?" was an experience many of us won't forget.

Forty-seven were enrolled in our junior year. Miss Wilda Hoopengardner and Arthur Gerwig were our sponsors. The year was ended with a dance in honor of the seniors.

And now, our last and final year! The year we were all striving and working for had come. Some were glad to see it come, others had a sickening feeling. But all good things must come to an end.

We started the year off with a bang. Our first project was to open and run the canteen. Our next project was the carnival. And what a carnival! At least we liked the proceeds. Then we marched to Cron-Leone Studio to have our pictures taken. After that, the senior play, "Cash and Carrie" was given October 17 and 18 and was a success. Then we tried our luck as salesmen selling assorted Christmas cards. The people were beginning to call us beggars for we now went out and sold magazines. What a life! Our name cards were also ordered and received. And we also sponsored two sock hops after home games. Three issues of "Bear Facts" were put out; the senior SSS girls sponsored a Sunshine party. The girls gave a magazine party for the boys and six students of the senior class took part in a radio program "Around the Editor's Desk." ALL THIS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!!

After Christmas vacation, we settled down to normal living. We took things easy, that is! We sponsored a skating party on January 21. We had two more sock hops which were well attended; participated in Junior Town Meeting; senior girls beat the sophomore girls in a donkey basketball game; senior girls were volleyball champions, beating the freshman 51-1. Our high school life was climaxed by a wonderful 8-day trip East.

Whitten by:

Marcella Springer  
Dorothy Miller  
Wilmer Werling  
Wayne Wickliffe  
George Farr  
Robert Kiefer





## HONORABLE MENTION

### American Legion Contest

#### Paul Sheets Placed Second in County

Six of this year's seniors participated in the local American Legion Contest. Each contestant prepared a speech of not less than ten, nor more than twelve, minutes in length dealing with the Constitution. The pupils who entered the contest were: Joann Springer, Shirley Dalton, Ellis McFadden, Richard Bard, Paul Sheets, and Anna Heinrich.

Paul Sheets won first in the local contest and Joann Springer ranged second.

The Wells County contest was held Thursday evening, February 13, in the Bluffton community building. Anna Belle Gentis, of Lancaster, Roger Dean Highlen of Liberty Center; Guy Shutt, of Union Center; and Paul Sheets of Ossian vied for honors. Anna Belle Gentis won first place and Paul Sheets second.

#### Two Seniors on Junior Town Meeting

Irma Coverdale and Joann Springer represented OHS on WOWO Junior Town Meeting at Waterloo on an especially icy Wednesday in January. "Should we expand our foreign trade?" was the topic. Questioners were Phyllis Carnes, Helen Galmeyer, and Dale Werling.



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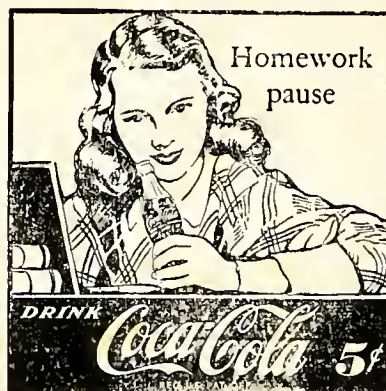
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